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APPROVAL GRANTED FOR MINIMUM STREAM FLOWS AT NIAGARA SPRINGS

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The Idaho Department of Water Resources has approved two minimum stream flow applications intended to preserve the aesthetic beauty of Niagara Springs and Niagara Springs Creek near Hagerman.

But the applications, granted to the Idaho Water Resource Board on behalf of the people of the State of Idaho, are subject to future stream flow depletions that may result from development proposed by earlier in-time water right applications.

As a result, additional monitoring and analysis of in-stream flows are required to determine how much water is available for minimum stream flows after development proposed by the earlier in-time applications is complete.

The Idaho Legislature must approve all Water Resource Board minimum stream flow applications before they can be finalized.

In addition to aesthetic beauty, the Water Board seeks minimum stream flow water rights to protect recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat at Niagara Springs and Niagara Springs Creek.

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